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Office of the Deputy Director for Intelligence

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NOTE TO: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Deputy Director for Intelligence

Bill -
I have cleared the attached text on the Soviet dollar costing with SOVA and it is ready for your use with the Hill and to give to Secretary Weinberger Friday morning.

Three points:

- The paper will probably be published next week.
- If pressed on this issue for greater levels of detail, it is worth remembering that the more specific and narrow the subject (e.g., cost of SAMs vs overall strategic defense) the less confident we are of our estimates. Of all of the general categories, our confidence in our estimates is lowest on R&D.
- If you think this issue could come up in your hearings and that you might be pressed for more methodological information than is in this ^{short} paper, I recommend you consider taking either [redacted] or [redacted] with you. I have forewarned them both of that possibility.

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Robert M. Gates

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